REMARKS

Claims 25-30 were pending in the application and all were rejected. Claims 25 and 30 were amended. Support for the amendments can be found in Applicant's disclosure as published in United States Patent Application Number 2007/0094722, specifically in paragraph [0024]. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC §103

The Office Action rejected claims 25-29 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Cohen et al. (US Pub No. 20040148521) in view of Copeland (US Patent 7,290,283), and further in view of Ricciulli (US Patent 6,473,405).

Claim 25 has been amended to include a further step of "assigning unassigned addresses to an intrusion detection sensor (IDS), such that any traffic directed at an unassigned address automatically arrives at the IDS." Cohen specifically teaches away from this at paragraph [0039]: "An IR according to specific embodiments of the invention is a configurable network module that can be used to help protect parts of a network and/or network entities from attacks from the outside. Furthermore, in specific embodiments, an IR according to the invention is "invisible" in that it operates on the network but generally does not have an accessible IP address and/or MAC address and thus is generally not perceivable to any other entities on the network."

The Office Action contends that the IDS of claim 25 reads on the IR (invisible router) of Cohen. As is shown above, the invisible router of Cohen operates quite differently from the

claimed intrusion detection sensor. Neither Copeland nor Ricciulli teach this step; therefore claim 25 and its dependent claims are patentable over the cited references.

The Office Action rejected claim 30 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cohen in view of Copeland.

Claim 30 was amended to include the step of "assigning unassigned addresses to an intrusion detection sensor (IDS), such that any traffic directed at an unassigned address automatically arrives at the IDS." As stated above, Cohen does not disclose this step. Further, the combination of Cohen and Copeland do not teach or suggest this step; therefore claim 30 is allowable over the cited references.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims 25-30.

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